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Sir:

Attached please find the application papers of Tom E. BURTON, Dominic J. GASBARRO and Brian M. LEITNER, covering new and useful improvements in a HOST-FABRIC ADAPTER HAVING HARDWARE ASSIST ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD OF CONNECTING A HOST SYSTEM TO A CHANNEL-BASED SWITCHED FABRIC IN A DATA NETWORK comprising:

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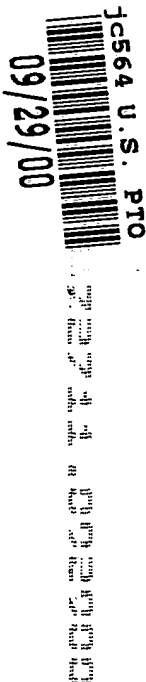
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